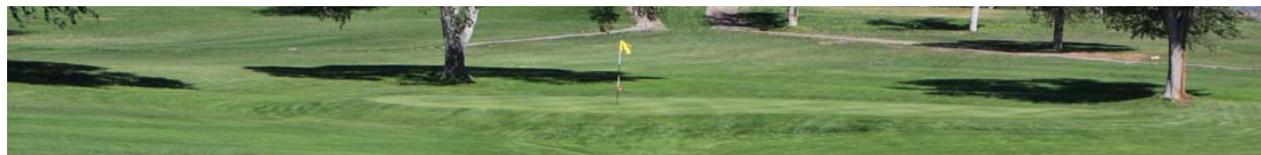



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News and Updates as of July 5, 2011

Please review with inexperienced drivers.

Northbound from the Bridge – No left onto Canyon Road; use University. The right turn slip lane onto eastbound Trinity should reopen mid-week; right turns at the signal may still occur. The left lane continues through the work zone.

Southbound from University Drive – Expect two southbound lanes south of Sandia. The left lane is a left turn lane at Canyon Drive and Trinity Drive. The right lane is the through lane for traffic crossing the bridge, as well as right turns onto University, Trinity, and West Road. Left turns onto West Road are okay, however, the dedicated left turn lane will no longer be present.

Hospital access signs are posted with the recommended access off Trinity Drive.

Travel time through the revised work zone has been approximately 6 to 8 minutes. Thank you to all of you who have adjusted schedules, continue to take Atomic City Transit, carpool, or use alternate routes.

What's Next?

On July 11, there will be significant traffic control changes at the Trinity intersection. Once the traffic control plan is finalized, advance information will be posted.

Please stop at the white *stop bar* markings and *Stop Here on Red* signs at the traffic signals. Large trucks are having difficulty making turns when vehicles stop too far forward at the signalized intersections. Do Not Block The Intersections.

Transit: The southbound Park & Ride bus stop between Trinity and West Road is open. The northbound Park & Ride bus stop has moved from in front of the hospital further east on Trinity, in front of the pink house. The southbound Atomic City Transit bus stop on Diamond Drive at the Lemon Lot is open. The bus stop north of Canyon near the High School Jock Lot continues to be closed; use the bus stop near Orange.

Pedestrians: Pedestrians should stay on the west side of Diamond Drive between the bridge and the end of the work zone near Sandia, crossing at West Road, Trinity, Canyon, at the overpasses, or at Sandia/Orange.

Bicyclists: Take a lane or dismount and follow the pedestrian path; alternate routes are highly recommended.

Thank you in advance for your patience as we work to complete this significant project!

Milestones for this year include:

Milestone C: Reconstruction of the Sullivan Field Parking Lot between May 31 and August 12, 2011. AS Horner has requested starting earlier than May 31. The County is considering this request.

Milestone D: Completion of all roadwork by September 30, 2011.

This is the last year of a four year project that includes the rehabilitation / reconstruction of Diamond Drive from and including the San Ildefonso roundabout up to the Los Alamos Canyon Bridge. County staff wishes to express appreciation for the cooperation and patience exhibited by the traveling public over the last few years.

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Reminders:

The Lemon Lot has moved to 901 Trinity.

Recycle Bins - Moved to behind 1925 Trinity Drive (the Public Works / Capital Projects & Facilities modulars - please follow the blue recycle signs).

Post Office Mail Box - The Post Office has removed the Sullivan Field Parking Lot mailbox until Sullivan Field work is completed in the summer of 2011.

Background Information:

Council awarded Phase 4 construction to AS Horner on March 2, 2010. The draft motion from the Council meeting is: "Councilor Wheeler moved, seconded by Councilor Phelps, that Council award Bid No. 2010-09 to AS Horner in the Amount of \$6,363,500.20 plus applicable gross receipts tax for the Construction of Diamond Drive Phase 4; and, establish a Diamond Phase 4 Construction Project Budget of \$9,649,623. The motion passed 5 - 2, Councilors Gibson and Chiravalle were opposed."

The Notice of Award was issued to AS Horner on March 3. Four milestone dates have been incorporated into the Phase 4 contract.

Milestone A is completion of all utility and roadway construction from south of North Road to south of Sandia Drive and Orange Street by August 16, 2010. (Complete)

Milestone B is completion of all utility and roadway construction from south of Sandia Drive and Orange Street to south of University Drive by September 30, 2010. (Complete)

Milestone C is the reconstruction of Sullivan Field parking lot between May 30, 2011 and August 12, 2011.

Milestone D is that all roadwork shall be completed by September 30, 2011.

Phase 5, utility work between Trinity Drive and the bridge abutment occurred as a separate contract in 2010 between April and September 2010. This work was done concurrently with 2010 Phase 4 to ensure that all utility work was complete by the end of the 2010 construction season to allow all roadway work to be completed before September 30, 2011.

2011 Construction:

This year's work will be on Diamond Drive between University Drive and the Los Alamos Canyon Bridge. Survey work began on Tuesday, Feb 22nd followed by the installation of the temporary traffic signals at the three intersections: Diamond/West Road, Diamond/Trinity, and Diamond Canyon.

The reconstruction work began on the southbound side of Diamond Drive in front of Sullivan Field, with work progressing towards the Los Alamos Canyon Bridge abutment.

Survey work began on Tuesday, Feb 22nd followed by the installation of the temporary traffic signals at the three intersections: Diamond/West Road, Diamond/Trinity, and Diamond Canyon.

On Wednesday, March 2nd, County staff hosted a public meeting to present the final phase of road and concrete work on Diamond Drive, please [click here](#) to view the presentation. Two members of the public attended.

On Wednesday, March 16, a malfunctioning temporary signal caused significant traffic back up. Please [click here](#) to read the associated press release.

Work continues ahead of schedule.

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